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Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mrs. Hoover:

Your letter of February 14, 1964 to Messrs. Shaw and Garrison stated that the previous day you delivered to the Commission a copy of a photograph which was displayed to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald on November 23, 1963, by Special Agents Howard W. Wilson of your Bureau. You also referred to this photograph in your letter of February 7, 1964 in which you quoted portions of an article appearing in the Washington Post of January 7, 1964 and advised us that the photograph published by that paper was not a photograph of Mrs. Jack L. Ruby.

The photographs which you delivered to us on February 13, 1964 were marked Commission Exhibit 237 and shown to Mrs. Oswald for purposes of identification during the course of her testimony before the Commission. Mrs. Oswald recalled that Exhibit 237 was the same photograph as the one displayed to her on November 23, 1963 by Special Agents Wilson. She specifically stated that the photograph which had been shown to her on that date had been enlarged to a different size from Exhibit 237 in that the picture had not been

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cropped to follow the outline of the head and shoulders of the [illegible] photograph, as was the case with [illegible].

Mrs. Shirley S. Wechsler of our staff advises me that on May 20, 1964 Mr. Bailey of your bureau requested the purpose of our review a complete submission of all of the circumstances surrounding the receipt of the photograph in question by your Bureau and its display to Mrs. Oswald. In response to that communication, on June 9, 1964 your Bureau furnished to this Commission three copies of the photograph which had been displayed to Mrs. Oswald. While Mr. Bailey's note that the [illegible] photograph [illegible] with your letter of June 9, 1964 to the same [illegible] that was displayed in the photograph which was the subject of the February 11, 1964 and which was marked Commission Exhibit 834, we note that the two photographs have in fact been cropped in a different manner. The upper portion of the former is cropped roughly in the shape of a triangle whereas the latter (Exhibit 837) was cropped to follow the outline of the head and shoulders of the man portrayed in that photograph. Your letter of June 9, 1964 indicates that the original of the photograph that was actually shown to Mrs. Oswald is maintained in the files of your bureau and bore forth on its backside the initials of Special Agent Quinn.

In view of the confusion which now exists in the record of our proceedings as a result of the fact that the photograph which you forwarded to us on February 11, 1964 was not in fact identical to the photograph actually displayed to Mrs. Oswald on November 23, 1963, we would appreciate receiving a copy of both sides of the photograph which was in fact shown to Mrs. Oswald so that our record may show the initials of Special Agent Quinn thereon. We would also like to have a statement from Special Agent Quinn identifying the photograph which he in fact displayed to Mrs. Oswald and indicating the circumstances under which he did so.

In connection with the photographic exercise you originally volunteered to give us the Central Intelligence Agency. We would appreciate knowing circumstances leading the officials of your company to make the number of the Dean Corporation which you, by whom and the exposure dates of the transactions which will be that photograph was delivered to you. We are interested in having which Oswald, the number of copies delivered to you, the circumstances under which the photographs actually displayed to Oswald was accepted, why and by whom and the reasons why that photograph was in fact displayed to Mrs. Oswald.

We would also appreciate advice as to the identity of the individual portrayed in that photograph.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel